

I am totally against the 02-278 proceedings. Indiana's "Do Not Call List" caused our lives to improve in Indiana and we don't want to go back to the way it was when it did not exist.

Before the Do Not Call list, my mentally disabled brother and my elderly mother fell victim to the hordes of phone solicitations. They both lacked judgment and the phone solicitors would target them. They could not say no and would get into trouble. My mother gave away money to causes when her own son was a mentally disabled veteran. My brother would get lawn service for his tiny patch of grass. My brother signed up for long distance when he only made local calls. Insurance people would push until they made an appointment with them. My mother bought an expensive sweeper when she was 84 and most of her house was tile.

Life was awful when there was no Do Not Call list in place. My husband was working 3rd Shift and solicitors would call all day, repeatedly he would fall asleep only to be awakened by a telemarketer. Calls would interrupt our dinner and our favorite shows. My life was full of stress over who had called, when they called, and if they would call again. My freedom was violated, as to keep a phone, I would have to screen calls or shut off the ringer which kept me from getting the calls I wanted. All in all, it was miserable, unhappy experience with all those calls.

I pay for a phone so I can call businesses I choose not for businesses I don't chose to harass me. I do not want to have to screen calls to be able to talk to my friends and family.

There were numerous disreputable schemes that would prey on the elderly and disabled in Indiana before the "Do Not Call" list and they would surely come back, along with the disturbing phone calls that wake us up and annoy us.

The "Do Not Call List" was extremely effective. I had only one caller who I turned into the Attorney General. It was a scam to get you to pay a fee, so they could direct you to where to find financing which anyone could do for themselves. Life became good. All those nuisance calls stopped. My disabled brother no longer had someone calling him about Insurance, Banking, Lawns, Windows, etc. My husband could finally get a good day's sleep in. I found my home to be restful and happy.

Please do not let Bank One, Fifth Third, Huntington, Key Bank, PNC, National City, Stock Yards, and Wells Fargo, most of which are based out-of-state come here and wreck what is a good thing for Indiana. Hoosiers have a constitutional right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness. Please save our, "Do Not Call" list.

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